

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration of this application as presently amended and in light of the following discussion is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-7, 15 and 16 are pending in the present application. Claims 1-7 and 15 have been amended and claim 16 has been added by the present amendment.

In the outstanding Office Action, the Examiner has correctly noted that the claims filed in the previous Amendment dated June 27, 2005 were the same as the claims filed in the Response on November 8, 2005. Therefore, the Examiner maintained the rejection of claims 1- 7, and 15 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, in the current Office Action.

Accordingly, this Amendment includes the correct set of amended claims that have been amended to address the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph. Further, the title has been amended as suggested by the Examiner.

Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted the pending claims are allowable.

It is believed that a full and complete response has been made to the Office Action, and that as such, the Examiner is respectfully requested to send the application to Issue.

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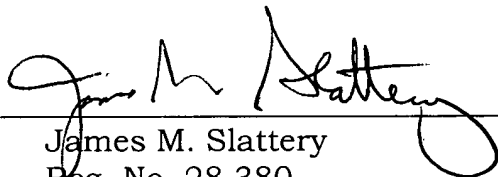
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In the event there are any matters remaining in this application, the Examiner is invited to contact David A. Bilodeau, Registration No. 42,325 at (703) 205-8072 in the Washington, D.C. area.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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